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Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-316

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: December 13, 2007

Fresh Citrus, Announcement FV-316, Invitation 008

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh citrus as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central Time, Thursday, December 20, 2007**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, **Friday, December 28, 2007**. Deliveries are to be made from February 25, 2008 through April 30, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for 51,300 cases of fresh oranges in cartons to a shipping container.

Vendors or its subcontractors/suppliers who are supplying fresh oranges are required to undergo the USDA AMS FVP Fresh Products Branch Good Agricultural Practices and Good Handling Practices (GAP & GHP) certifications process, and must be completed within 12 months or within 10 business days after award of the contract. Vendors or its subcontractors/suppliers must pass the minimum score of 80% for each of the following elements: House Packing; Storage and Transportation; and Traceback. A negative response to questions 1 and 2 in the "General Questions" section shall result in an automatic unsatisfactory rating. Failure to obtain GAP & GHP certifications within the prescribed timeframe will result in the bidder to be deemed non responsive, and the contract terminated for default. Brokers are exempt from this requirement.

The Fresh Produce Audit Verification Program can be accessed at the following website:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpbgapghp.htm>

This invitation contains line item(s) identified as "Kosher Only". Vendors must comply with applicable dietary (kosher) laws as established by the "613 Council of Kasruth". Vendors must contact the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York (BJENY) at (646) 472-5365 **prior to submitting a bid** to certify compliance with the applicable dietary (kosher) laws. A rabbinic supervisor will be sent by the BJENY to certify compliance with the dietary (kosher) laws.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

If you are unable to meet the early delivery periods, do not bid on them.

All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring this special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe>? Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-316 Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit dated April 2004, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-316, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV316
 INVITATION : 008
 COMM GROUP : 34 FRUIT, FRESH
 COMM TYPE : 40 ORANGES, FRESH
 PACK SIZE : 36 34-39 LB CTN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/25/08 - 02/27/08					
001	ROCKY HILL	CT	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	
002	BROOKLYN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	**Kosher
003	DELAWARE CITY	DE	TRUCK ONLY	513	
	LAUREL	MD	TRUCK ONLY	513	
004	PORT NEWARK	NJ		1,026	
005	PORT NEWARK	NJ		513	
	VINELAND	NJ		513	
006	VINELAND	NJ		994	*
	VINELAND	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	32	
007	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	
008	RICHMOND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	717	
	SUFFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	309	
009	CYNTHIANA	KY	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	
010	LEXINGTON	KY	TRUCK ONLY	743	
	SHEPHERDSVILLE	KY	TRUCK ONLY	283	
011	FORT MILL	SC	TRUCK ONLY	115	
	LEXINGTON	SC		911	
012	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	*
013	ST PAUL	MN	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	
014	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	

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DELIVERY PERIOD 02/25/08 - 02/27/08					
015	PICO RIVERA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	3,078	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/03/08 - 03/05/08					
016	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____*
017	PICO RIVERA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	2,052	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/10/08 - 03/12/08					
018	NORFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	200	_____
	RICHMOND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	826	_____
019	JOHNSON CITY	TN	TRUCK ONLY	627	_____
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	399	_____
020	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____*
021	PICO RIVERA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/17/08 - 03/19/08					
022	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____*
023	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 03/24/08 - 03/26/08					
024	PORT NEWARK	NJ		2,052	
025	VINELAND	NJ		1,026	
026	CAMDEN	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	65	*
	VINELAND	NJ		943	
	VINELAND	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	18	
027	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	761	
	RICHMOND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	265	
028	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	*
029	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	*
030	ST PAUL	MN	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/31/08 - 04/02/08					
031	FORT MILL	SC	TRUCK ONLY	205	
	LEXINGTON	SC		821	
032	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	*
033	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/07/08 - 04/09/08					
034	DELAWARE CITY	DE	TRUCK ONLY	513	
	LAUREL	MD	TRUCK ONLY	513	
035	JOHNSON CITY	TN	TRUCK ONLY	337	
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	689	

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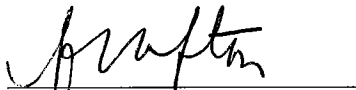
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DELIVERY PERIOD 04/07/08 - 04/09/08					
036	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____*
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/14/08 - 04/16/08					
037	FORT MILL	SC	TRUCK ONLY	122	_____
	LEXINGTON	SC		904	_____
038	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____*
039	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____*
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/21/08 - 04/23/08					
040	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	808	_____
	NORFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	100	_____
	SUFFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	118	_____
041	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____*
042	ST PAUL	MN	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/28/08 - 04/30/08					
043	PORT NEWARK	NJ		1,026	_____
044	PORT NEWARK	NJ		513	_____
	VINELAND	NJ		513	_____
045	CAMDEN	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	50	_____*
	VINELAND	NJ		953	_____
	VINELAND	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	23	_____
046	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____*

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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				51,300	
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Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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